

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 978

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Coach Justin Combs and the Grainger High School Lady Grizzlies basketball team on a successful season.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this body should salute those student athletes who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as true champions of whom we all can be proud; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Grainger High School Lady Grizzlies have proven themselves to be the fiercest of competitors and deserving of the highest regard, as they advanced to the state tournament for the second consecutive season; and

WHEREAS, a powerhouse girls' basketball program, the Grainger Lady Grizzlies established a new level of excellence by making back-to-back appearances in Murfreesboro for the first time in school history; and

WHEREAS, playing in their fifth consecutive sectional final, the Lady Grizzlies punched their ticket to the state tourney with a tremendous 54-52 victory over Fulton High School on their opponents' home court; and

WHEREAS, displaying courage and heart, the young women from Grainger County fought valiantly in their quarterfinal matchup at Murphy Center in Murfreesboro, but saw their season come to an end, having compiled a 26-10 record for the year; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Grainger High School Lady Grizzlies epitomize all that is good in today's student athlete, as they have achieved success in competition while exhibiting the highest degree of character in all aspects of life; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Grizzlies benefited greatly from the basketball expertise and astute leadership of head coach Justin Combs and his staff, as well as the support of their families, their school, and the citizens of Grainger County; and

WHEREAS, the perseverance, determination, work ethic, and talent of this group of young women not only made possible a tremendous season, but also surely bode well for their future success; and

WHEREAS, this body finds it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud the members of the Grainger High School Lady Grizzlies for their outstanding performance and for serving as examples of the exceptional quality of the youth of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Coach Justin Combs and the Grainger High School Lady Grizzlies on their outstanding 2015-2016 season and extend to them our best wishes for every continued success in all their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.